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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/856,064	09/06/2001	Eckhardt Belgardt	112740-220	3672

TITLE OF INVENTION: ~~METHOD FOR EXPANDING THE SWITCHING NETWORK OF A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHOUT INTERRUPTING OPERATION~~  
**METHOD FOR EXTENDING THE SWITCHING MATRIX OF A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHOUT INTERRUPTION (as amended)**

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Applicant(s): Bekardt et al.

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Invention: **METHOD FOR EXTENDING THE SWITCHING MATRIX OF A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHOUT INTERRUPTION**

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